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Transmission line construction division—110 K.V. line.—Reconnaissance and survey of the 110 K.V. line from Vizagapatam to Rajahmundry and Machkund to Vizagapatam are in progress.

The daily average labour strength during January 1948 was 1,154. New recruitments are being made with difficulty and tenders have been invited for labour.

"(*c*) The first stage of development is expected to be completed by September 1951 as tentatively programmed at present."

Retention of retired Government servants in service.

* 22 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of officers who were and are due to retire but are still retained in service (1) on account of extension of service and (2) re-employment;

(*b*) whether in all cases such extension or re-employment has been made on the recommendation of the head of the department;

(*c*) whether the Government have received complaints that such extensions or re-employment prove detrimental to the interests of those in service and who are qualified and are looking forward to promotions; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to state the considerations which influence them either for extension of or re-employment in service?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—"(*a*) The number of officers retained in Gazetted and non-Gazetted service, (1) on account of extension of service is 23 and (2) on account of re-employment is 127. The Government consider that in the interest of economy in stationery and printing, a list of these persons need not be printed and placed on the table of the House. If the hon. Member wants such a list, he may obtain one on application from the Deputy Secretary to Government in the Finance Department.

"(*b*) In all but three cases re-employment or extension was sanctioned on the advice of the concerned head of department.

"(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative. Two complaints from individual officers and two from Service Associations.

"(*d*) Government servants are generally not granted any extension of service. When the services of an officer who is about to retire are considered necessary, the officer is usually retired and subsequently re-employed. The policy of the Government is to discourage even cases of such re-employment; and this policy is followed except when public interest

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demands a departure from it. It is only when qualified candidates are not available for appointment to posts requiring technical knowledge that re-employment of retired personnel is resorted to."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In the reply of the Hon. Minister, he was pleased to observe that in the case of three officers, re-employment was given without the recommendation of the head of the department. May I know, Sir, how the Government came to know that those three officers were indispensable for those departments? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Ministers have their own knowledge of the officers serving under them, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it, Sir, that if the Government want that certain officers should be re-employed or their services should be extended, they need not refer to the head of department, under whom the officers are working, but can straight away do so? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir, it is so. Why should we refer? "

Import of paints and varnish oils into the Province.

*23 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total cost of paints and vanish oils imported into our Province—

(1) from other countries;

(2) from other Provinces;

(*b*) how many firms in our Province prepare paints and oils; and

(*c*) their share capital?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) (1) The total value of paints and varnish oils imported by sea during 1943-1944 was Rs. 2,37,323. No information is available for the subsequent period.

(2) No information is available regarding imports from other Provinces.

" (*b*) So far as the Government are aware, three factories are producing paints in this Province and they are :

(i) Jyothi Paint Works, Aminjikarai, Madras;

(ii) Sodhan Cottage Industries Association, Tenali; and

(iii) Kanakambika Paint and Varnish Industries, Bezwada.

" (*c*) All the three factories are private firms. They are worked on a small scale and no information is available about the capital invested in each."